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**REMARKS**

In light of the new Office Action and the cited art and the indicated allowability of claims 8-14, claim 1 has been amended to constitute claim 8 in independent form. Claims 8-14 have therefore been canceled as dependent claims 9-14 are substantially the same retained claims 2-7. Favorable action is therefore courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted:

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